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**MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**  
**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2718

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:         | ) |                                 |
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| Kenji KAWANO, et al.          | ) | Group Art Unit: 1756            |
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| Application No.: 10/026,419   | ) | Examiner: Chacko-Davis, Daborah |
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| Filed: December 26, 2001      | ) |                                 |
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| For: APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING | ) |                                 |
| SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF       | ) |                                 |
| PROCESSING THE SAME           | ) |                                 |

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and subject to the recommendation of the Examiner and the approval of the Commissioner, and without withdrawing the case from issue, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.